

Sinclair Broadcasting's action in forcing their stations to air a blatantly partisan documentary days before the election clearly illustrates the dangers of media consolidation.

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, however, they can abuse that power by presenting propaganda that serves their bottom line.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. These actions, in my opinion, are a much bigger threat to democracy than the obscenity issues that have gathered so much attention recently (though I am also in favor of clean broadcasts). Please do your duty in making sure that Sinclair gets sanctioned for this behavior and in strengthening the rules about media ownership.